Tennessee Evolution Statutes

PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

PASSED BY THE SIXTY - FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1925 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_  CHAPTER NO. 27  House Bill No. 185  (By Mr. Butler)

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**Comments**

 [a1]This topic will indefinitely be about a Tennesseee law or laws that prohibit the teaching of evolution. It was made in 1925. That is a while back, but  it may still be up even today. duh

 [a2]Does he mean the private schools as well or are they allowed to do whatever they feel like? i think so

 [a3]It is funny hoe they only mention  that the story of the “Divine” Creation when there are other versions of it mentioned in other Hoy Books. Maybe that will better enlighten the idea of creationism a bitmore.

 [a4]All residents apply for this law. Then what happens if you have a second offense?

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Comments: By wierdo david

 [d1]So private schools could still teach evolution

 [d2]What kinds of penalties were put in place.

 [d3]Did any parents disagree with this law, because technically being tax payers and all, they should be able to have a say in what their children learn.

 [d4]For something that is made such a big deal, you would think that they would fine anyone teaching such theory more money

 [d5]Does this law still exist today? Or was it abolished?

 d2) The penalties included heavy fines and a misdemeanor charge.

 d3) I don't think parents had many disagreements on the law because it takes a majority of the people for a law like this to be passed.

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 [p1]What would happen to a student who happened to voice their opinion against creationism? Would they face heavy fines or other penalties? I think that they would be warned by the gov't on this issue but im not sure that hey would have penalties. They are still kids so they wouldn't be obliged to pay those penalties.

 [p2]It is illegal for any teacher in a state-funded school to teach evolution or they will face penalties. Yes

 [p3]Can students form clubs that discuss and follow the theory of evolution or is that prohibited? i dont think so since its just a club it not really theory being taught

 I think that it would be illegal because they are still being taught evolution and the gov't is trying to stop them from learning it.

 [p4]How much was $100 and $500 dollars worth back then? I’m guessing these were steep penalties. it was probably worth alot of money. when i was reading this i didnt think about this. That's a good point and it also answers my question

 [p5]I believe that no matter which belief citizens of a state want to believe the majority must accept it and this country was founded on the idea of the majority over the minority.

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 [j1]Statutes showing what happened during evolution

 [j2]So they agree with creatism

 [j3]People are funding so they won’t teach evolution?

 [j4]Could they teach if it was a private school

 [j5]Isn’t that still evolution?

 [j6]Can they prove that someone was teaching evolution

 [j7]Didn’t anyone have a say in that to disagree to it

 [j8]The date it was passed

 [j9]It was approved in 8 days

 j9 Thats interesting

 j9) the fact that it was approved in 8 days meant that it was not a very controversial or heavily debated issue b/c heavily debated topics last weeks and even months before a solution is reached.

The slide and the butler act connect, because they happened around the same time. Also they both raised controversy in america.  Mr. Scopes violated the law and received a fine and went to court. The butler law discusses the teaching of evolution

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